

Dear Jim,

1/3/71

Sorry you couldn't get here. Hope it was not from illness, etc., and that you had a good holiday season.

I didn't get a chance to play the tape of your Bringuier interview until this morning. I then discovered that most of both sides are blank, the first where you say you are turning the machine off for a minute, right after the reference to Guevara, and the second during the conversation about the woman at the Dallas lineup. If you can find time to dub it completely, I'd appreciate it. And, if you can do it at 1 7/8, I can play that speed and you' either get it all on one side or you could use less tape.

Did he ever identify the relative with the stock-market company, the man who phoned to tell him JFK had been shot? His suggested Frank Bartes, who had a job that could be so described.

Even though he attributes it to the papers, in one case I suspect inaccurately, if not in both, his confirmation of the second helper 8/16 is interesting (he could have learned it from Quiroga or remember it from RC materials), as is his confirmation of the existence of the Free Cuba Committee in the ITM.

The speed of this dub avried. It began at the normal speed, then got both fast and slow, in each case interfering with comprehensibility.

I didn't have time to respond in full to you last communications, and I put them aside to go over them with you when you were here. One of the things I meant to warn you about, if I didn't, is Skolnick. He is no more than an opportunist, a publicity-seeker (recently put down by a Congressional Committee), a bright man who, tragically, is horribly crippled, a paraplegic. He needs publicity like you need air, so he does unscrupulous things to get it. He stole all he used in that very irresponsible fictitious "suit" against the government that he couldn't win, having never asked it for anything, so he contrived a "solution", got it set aside, after he got all the publicity he sought. Such people and such things are not helpful to the discovery or acceptance of truth.

Have a good year.

Hurriedly,

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